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Applicant(s): Hamelin, Bruno

Serial No: 09/990,416

Filed: November 21, 2001

Title: Vehicle Seat Having a Back That
Can Be Folded Down Forwards

Group Art Unit: 3636

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

***Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231***

Sir:

Please correct the Update Filing Receipt as identified in the attached marked up Updated Filing Receipt. The present application was filed on November 21, 2001, in the name of Bruno Hamelin. Please note that Daniel De Coninck is not a named inventor in the aforementioned patent application and that due a clerical error his name mistakenly appeared on the declaration signed by the sole inventor Bruno Hamelin. Enclosed is a copy of the Patent Application Transmittal. Also enclosed is a copy of our Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

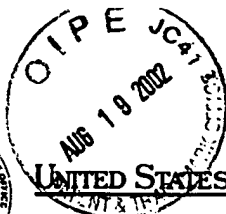
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Applicant(s)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

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Title

Vehicle seat having a back that can be folded down forwards

Preliminary Class

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Docket No: 28944/40016



PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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P.O. Box 2327
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Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

inventor(s): Bruno HAMELIN

Title: A VEHICLE SEAT HAVING A BACK THAT CAN BE FOLDED DOWN FORWARDS

1. Type of Application

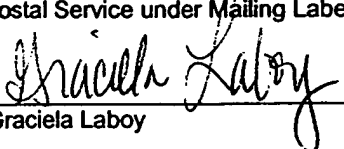
- ☒ This is a new application for a
☒ utility patent.
☐ design patent.
- ☐ This is a continuation-in-part application of prior application no.

2. Application Papers Enclosed

- 1 Title Page
12 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Drawings & Sequence Listing)
3 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
3 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 1 to 4)
☒ Formal
☐ Informal
Page(s) of Sequence Listing

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on November 21, 2001, in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 2327, Box Patent Application, Arlington, VA 22202 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EL906957664US.


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3. **Declaration or Oath**

- ☐ Enclosed
- ☐ Executed by (check all applicable boxes)
- ☐ Inventor(s)
- ☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)
(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)
- ☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on
behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached
- ☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the
statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed.
See Item 5D below for fee.
- ☒ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this
application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. **Small Entity Status**

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement is (are) attached.

5. **Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or
amino acid sequence
- ☐ Microfiche computer program
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☐ Other

6. **Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

☒ are attached.

☐ will follow.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED
France	FR 00 15187	November 24, 2000

7. **Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

A. ☒ **Utility Application**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$370.00		\$740.00
TOTAL	7-20	= 0	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	\$
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<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 140 =	\$	+ 280 =	\$
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B. ☐ **Design Application (\$160.00/\$320.00)** Filing Fee: \$ _____

C. ☐ **Plant Application (\$245.00/\$490.00)** Filing Fee: \$ _____

D. **Other Fees**

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☐ Other \$ _____

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9. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization

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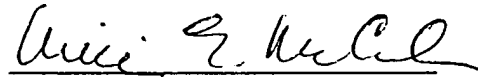
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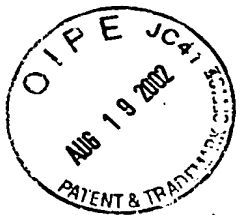
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- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
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